

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

FOSTER WATKINS,

Petitioner,

**8:22CV277**

vs.

STATE OF NEBRASKA, and MICHAEL  
MYERS, The Director of the Douglas  
County Corrections Center Corporation  
(DCCCC);

Respondents.

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

Petitioner filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, [Filing No. 1](#), and a Motion for Leave to Proceed in Forma Pauperis, [Filing No. 7](#). Habeas corpus cases attacking the legality of a person's confinement require the payment of a \$5.00 filing fee. [28 U.S.C. § 1914\(a\)](#). However, after considering Petitioner's financial status as shown in the records of this Court (see inmate trust account statement at [Filing No. 9](#)), leave to proceed in forma pauperis will be granted and Petitioner is relieved from paying the filing fee. See [28 U.S.C. § 1915\(a\)\(1\)](#).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that: Petitioner's Motion for Leave to Proceed in Forma Pauperis, [Filing No. 7](#), is granted. The next step in this case is for the Court to conduct a preliminary review of the habeas corpus petition in accordance with Rule 4 of

the Rules Governing Section 2254 cases. The Court will conduct this review in its normal course of business.

Dated this 30th day of August, 2022.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JF Bataillon".

Joseph F. Bataillon  
Senior United States District Court